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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/786,853	Applicant(s) OLIVER ET AL.	
	Examiner Carlos A. Azpuru	Art Unit 1615	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 11-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 12-16 and 20-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 17-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment after final and request for reconsideration filed 02/24/2004. A notice of appeal was filed on 03/24/2004.

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 12-16, 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McMullin et al., further in view of Janzen et al

McMullin et al disclose a moldable collagen composition used in tissue repair and augmentation which comprises fibrillar collagen and a particulate material (see Abstract). The collagen must be purified (non-cytotoxic) and non-antigenic (see page 3, lines 44-45). The particles selected may be cross-linked or non crosslinked fibrillar collagen (see page 4, lines 27-28). Fibrillar collagen is the natural state of the collagen (original architecture, and is rendered nonfibrillar for the non-particulate portion of the composition (see page 4, lines 4-9). Particle size may be from 100 microns to 1000 microns. The compositions may be injected using glycerol as part of the carrier (see

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page 5, line 59; page 6, line 1). The final product is moldable and has a doughy texture (paste) as disclosed at page 5, lines 36-38). The intended use of the composition is not given patentable weight. The composition differs only in that it does not include elastin.

However, the inclusion of the elastin in such collagen compositions is clearly taught by Janzen et al (see Abstract and claims). Therefore, those of ordinary skill would expect the similar therapeutic results from the use of the instant composition given the teachings of McMullin et al, and further, would have been able to include elastin in such a composition for its well known use in injectable collagen compositions. Note that Janzen et al also teach that such composition are known for use in scar treatment.. Therefore, the instant claims would have been obvious given the teaching of McMullin to use collagen particles as part of an injectable composition, and the inclusion of elastin would have also been obvious when considered in view of Janzen et al.

Claims 11, 17-19 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

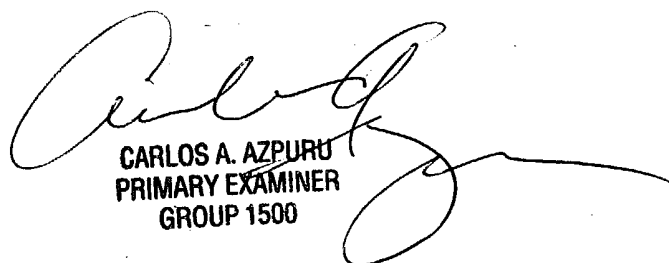
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Azpuru whose telephone number is (571) 272-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fri, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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